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NEWS

START SPREADING THE NEWS!



We all want to live in an area which has a sense of community; one where residents look out for their neighbours. This helps foster a feeling of wellbeing.

So, if you know of anyone locally, who doesn't have access to email/the internet, why not print-off a copy of the Bramshaw Telegraph for them? One small gesture can make all the difference.

BRAMSHAW SPEEDWATCH NEEDS YOU!



Lyndhurst and Minstead have active and successful Speedwatch teams in place. Isn't it time there was one in Bramshaw?!

If you'd like to find out how you can get involved with Speedwatch, please get in touch with PCSO Richard Williams on 07554 775469

FOREST SPRING CLEAN



An army of volunteers will be turning out to spring clean the New Forest by picking-up litter which spoils the beauty of the area and can harm animals.

Events will take place across the whole of the area for a month with over 500 people involved. Anyone who would like to help keep the forest tidy is urged to get involved by just simply turning up on the day. Events near you:-

6 April: Ocknell Campsite and Lepe Country Park. 10am -midday

30 April: Half Moon Common, Hale Purlieu, Rockford and Ibsley Common and Hightown Common. 10am -midday

Edward Heron, deputy chairman of the NPA said "The Year of Green Action celebrates the 70th anniversary of national parks in England and Wales and is a wonderful way of getting people involved in improving the natural world"

FC deputy surveyor Bruce Rothnie said "All of us who love the Forest want to protect it from the blight of litter and the damage it casues. These litter picking events are a great way for everyone across the community to get involved in helping to keep the Forest tidy and care for this special place"

PREVENTING ANIMAL ACCIDENTS - TIPS FOR DRIVERS



- Slow down
- Be ready to stop
- Give grazing animals a wide berth
- Turn on your hazard lights – to alert oncoming drivers there are animals in the road

50 STOLEN LAMBS FROM HAMPSHIRE FIELD 29 MARCH 2019

Appeal for information after approximately 50 lambs were stolen from a farm in the Hursley area. The three-week-old Welsh Mule and Texel Suffolk cross lambs were taken some time between midnight and 6am on Thursday 28 March.

Officers believe the person, or people, responsible would have had to have used a vehicle to transport the lambs from the field. Sadly, two lambs were found dead as a result of the theft. PC Steve Rogerson from the CountryWatch team said: “Understandably the farmer is very concerned for the welfare of these animals. “There is a possibility that the ewes could suffer and even die, and other lambs in the field could die as a result of shock. “Those that were stolen are at risk of losing their lives in transit, or from being away from their mothers and not being kept in the right environment. “This theft will come at a huge financial cost to the farmer, but this incident is all the more distressing for the victim as he has lambed these animals himself and raised the young ones from birth.

“It is very rare for something like this to happen in Hampshire, and we are asking our rural communities to spread the word so we can find these animals and ensure their safety. “Do you know someone who may have come into the possession of these animals, or a farm that has had a sudden and unexpected influx of lambs? ‘I would urge anybody who can help our investigation to come forward.”

Hampshire NFU Adviser Sandra Nichols said: “We have been appalled at this theft as there are serious animal welfare implications for both the ewes and lambs. “Anyone who has information should contact police and we also ask people to keep their eyes open, in case these animals should turn up somewhere. “Please report any suspicious activity to police on 101. We have also been reminding our farmer members to check their roadside gates are secure.”

Anyone with information - contact the CountryWatch team on 101, quoting 44190107152. Alternatively, you can call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

FORESTRY COMMISSION CENTENARY EXHIBITION

The Forestry Commission has unveiled a new exhibition looking back at the history of the New Forest and the role its staff have played in helping to care for it over the last 100 years. “Forestry 100 – the story of your forest”, held in the Commission’s centenary year, also looks ahead to some of the key challenges the Forest is likely to face over the next century.

The exhibition, open from 16 March – 7 July at the New Forest Heritage Centre in Lyndhurst, was opened by one of the Commission’s longest serving member of staff, Jayne Albery who has worked there for 45 years, and Deputy Surveyor for the New Forest Bruce Rothnie who has been with the Commission for 40 years.

Included in the exhibition are many previously unseen photographs and artefacts from the Forestry Commission’s archives. These chart how forestry has changed significantly since the government first set up the Forestry Commission in 1919 to replenish the nation’s timber reserves in the wake of WW1. This is particularly the case in the New Forest which is now a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and one of the UK’s most important habitats for many rare and endangered species of wildlife and plants.

The exhibition explores how the work of foresters has expanded from intensive timber production in the wake of world wars to a focus today on specialist woodland management, conservation, and planning for the impact of climate change.

It looks at how over the last 100 years generations of Keepers and Rangers have cared for wildlife. Visitors to the exhibition can find out more about how this work has helped the New Forest become an internationally important place for nature and wildlife, and just how many different types of rare and endangered species live here.

Also, on display are a range of images from the 1960's onwards showing how recreation and public use of the forest has grown and changed. Archive images show visitors enjoying the first camp sites in the forest and the opening of visitor centres and new trails. The exhibition outlines how balancing the dual needs of providing places for people to enjoy, and ensuring wildlife continues to flourish has become a major part of the Forestry Commissions work.

The exhibition finishes by touching on what the next 100 years might have in store. The Forest and its survival have been tested over the years by everything from severe storms, droughts and the outbreak of tree diseases. Looking ahead it is likely to face wider threats to nature and will need to be able to respond to the impact of long-term changes in our environment.

Opening the exhibition **Bruce Rothnie, New Forest Deputy Surveyor** said "This 100 year anniversary is an important milestone for our team who are out in the forest every day helping to care for it. It is a chance to look back at key events but also to consider what the future might have in store."

He added, "We are already planting the New Forest of the future. The trees we plant today and the improvements we make to habitats will take many years to reach maturity, and we must try to make sure that when they reach this point, they are able to thrive whatever they face. This requires all of those who love the Forest to work together with a shared responsibility to ensure it is ready to meet the future needs of society and a changing natural world."

NATIONAL GRID'S VIP PROJECT IN THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

National Grid has paused work on its landscape enhancement project to remove eight pylons from Hale Purlieu in the New Forest National Park. Please see below statements from National Grid, and the VIP project's national Stakeholder Advisory Group.

This news will come as a disappointment to the many stakeholders and residents who have supported the project and invested time in its development.

Please keep an eye on the project website for future updates and send any questions to visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

Statement from National Grid

Despite strong support, National Grid has decided to pause work on its landscape enhancement project to remove eight pylons from Hale Purlieu in the New Forest National Park following advice from legal experts, the regulator and its independent Stakeholder Advisory Group.

The work is part of National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project, which makes use of a £500m provision from Ofgem as part of the current price control period to reduce the landscape and visual impact of existing overhead transmission lines in nationally important landscapes in England and Wales.

The decision has been made due to emerging complexities surrounding the European regulations designed to protect the natural habitats of protected species. While these regulations are designed to prevent the permanent loss of habitats, and not stop short-term work that we believe could have provided a net gain to the environment in which we were working, it is evident that the legal position is complex and, importantly, untested for a project of this nature. It is therefore unlikely that a planning application for this project would receive approval before the funding deadline.

National Grid will continue to progress its other VIP projects to replace pylons with underground alternatives in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Peak District and Snowdonia National Parks. Early works on the construction of the fully-consented Dorset project to remove 22 pylons near the villages of Winterbourne Abbas and Martinstown began earlier this year.

Statement from the VIP project's national Stakeholder Advisory Group

Following extensive consideration, the independent Stakeholder Advisory Group to National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project has reluctantly advised National Grid that the VIP project at Hale Purlieu in the New Forest National Park should be paused.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group strongly supports the principles of the VIP programme and the process for the initial selection of this landscape and environmental enhancement project in the New Forest. However, it has become clear from legal advice provided to National Grid that the European legal position relating to the habitats in the area is complex and untested for a project of this nature. It is likely that it would not be possible for a planning application for this project to receive approval within the timescales of the current Visual Impact Provision (the R10-T1 price control period).

The Stakeholder Advisory Group would like the guidance for the relevant legislation to be tested further as it believes that the guidance was not intended to block schemes which have the potential to deliver significant environmental and landscape benefits in the mid- and long term but require short-term temporary disruption.

The Group is aware that this advice will come as a disappointment to the many stakeholders, residents and users of Hale Purlieu who have expressed their support for the project. The Stakeholder Advisory Group hopes that, should National Grid decide to pause the New Forest project, it will be possible to develop and achieve Regulatory approval for a similar-scale VIP project at a different shortlisted location within the current timeframe.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2019		
	4	Mather Snooker Club 19:00 Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE
	4	Bramshaw WI The History and Technology of Papermaking. Mr Robin Clark. Visitors always welcome. 2:00 for 2:15 pm. Contact Pauline Slade 02380 811198
	6	Bramshaw WI Barn Dance with American Supper. BVH 7:0 pm. Tickets £7 pp. Contact Pauline Slade 02380 811198
	6	FOREST SPRING CLEAN Meeting point: Ocknell Campsite and Lepe Country Park 10am -midday
	9	Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW. Only members allowed to exhibit – doors open for staging from 6:30pm. Judging starts promptly at 7:30pm Visitors are welcome to attend, although not permitted to exhibit. Judging followed by a buffet supper. Venue: Village Hall. Sue Yandell 02380 812994

	11	Mather Snooker Club 19:00 Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE
	15	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM - BEAT SURGERY Time: 8:00am Venue: Bramshaw Village Shop
	19	The Bramshaw & District Film Society. Doors open 18:00. Film starts promptly at 19:30. Sue Bennison 02380 813442 Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE
	18	Mather Snooker Club 19:00 Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE
	23	Bramshaw Parish Council Meeting 19:30pm. Venue: Community Room of Bramshaw Village Hall, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE.
	25	Mather Snooker Club 19:00 Bramshaw Village Hall, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE
	30	NATIONAL TRUST SPRING CLEAN Meeting point: Half Moon Common, Hale Purlieu, Rockford and Ibsley Common and Hightown Common. 10am -midday

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	6	Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale – wide selection of plants for sale Also serving coffee/tea and home-made cakes Bramshaw Village Hall, 10:00am until Mid-day Sue Yandell 02380 812994
	9	Bramshaw WI Annual Meeting and Resolutions. BVH 2:00 pm for 2:15 pm. Contact Pauline Slade 02380 811198
	14	Horticultural Society ENJOYING DAHLIAS – Bryan Madders 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Visitors always welcome for a small charge of £2.00. Sue Yandell 02380 812994
	15	Bramshaw Annual Parish Assembly 19:30pm. Venue: Community Room of Bramshaw Village Hall, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE.  <i>An opportunity to join your Parish Councillors over a glass of wine/soft drink & nibbles, listen to their 'round-up' of 2018, ask questions, and raise local issues!</i>
	28	Bramshaw Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting 19:30pm. Venue: Community Room of Bramshaw Village Hall, Lyndhurst, SO43 7JE.

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